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Does Maine's community solar program help small-scale solar projects?

A Maine Monitor analysis finds developers have bundled projects, then sold them to some of the world's largest corporations and investment firms. AUGUSTA, Maine -- Maine's community solar program, commonly known as net energy billing, has been wildly successful in incentivizing the development of small-scale solar power projects.

Does the Maine Energy Office track a solar project's ownership?

Although the Governor's Energy Office tallies the solar capacity of the projects, it does not track ownership. The Public Utilities Commission posts reports filed by Central Maine Power and Versant that show the projects participating in net energy billing, but the owners are redacted.

Will Maine stop installing solar panels?

A handful of local governments in Maine have begun halting construction of solar panel arrays as the installations slowly become the norm in the state. Some 3,185 installations are in place across Maine, according to the Solar Energy Industry Association.

Does Maine have a solar program?

There are tribal awards as well. White House officials estimate Solar for All will result in more than \$8 billion in savings on electric bills over the life of the program. Maine will use its share of \$5.5 billion in grants to facilitate single- and multi-family on-site solar programs and support cooperatively owned community solar.

How many solar installations are there in Maine?

Some 3,185 installations are in place across Maine, according to the Solar Energy Industry Association. In Penobscot County, Versant Power has a raft of pending requests from developers to connect proposed solar projects to the grid. It's an industry that one energy lawyer called "booming."

Is corporate investment in solar a good idea in Maine?

Karl Rabago, a renewable energy consultant, said it's not surprising to see the high level of corporate investment in the solar program. After all, that's the point of the Inflation Reduction Act, which has supported some net energy billing projects in Maine.

State lawmakers have approved changes to a solar energy subsidy program that is increasing electricity prices for ratepayers. The "net energy billing" program turned out to be ...

The new public works solar farm, a \$1.6 million project, will generate roughly \$100,000 in electricity per year, and become "cash positive," she said, in its third year -- when ...

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recently held a news conference to discuss the impact of the state's 2019 solar law ...

The proposal was built on broad public engagement, incorporating direct outreach to key stakeholders and opportunities for public comment as well as national best practices to overcome barriers to accessing affordable solar. Maine's proposal ...

Solar moratoria pass throughout Maine as local governments wield power over land use. Satellite built by students in Maine is ready to launch into space. Lawmakers and other observers have questioned where the ...

Maine's ReVision Energy announced Thursday that it's acquiring the Massachusetts company Sunbug Solar. According to a press release, the acquisition will allow ReVision to better serve Massachusetts customers with ...

According to a Maine Wire review of Public Utilities Commission (PUC) records, the vast majority of firms registered as sponsors or marketers in the "community" solar program are in fact out-of-state companies. That runs ...

Community solar, also known as Net Energy Billing (NEB), is designed to promote the expansion of solar production in Maine. Eligible solar projects receive credit for each kWh of electricity they generate. Utility customers can sign up ...

As a result, Maine residents and businesses are expected to pay less for electricity generated by community solar farms constructed in the future. The law changes how consumers compensate ...

An abandoned gravel pit in Hampden has been repurposed as a 14,000 panel community solar farm. Investor and owner Wishcamper Companies today cut the ribbon on the project which will generate an estimated 8.6 million ...

President Joe Biden wants to change the way the U.S. uses energy by expanding renewables, but faces several challenges. A handful of local governments in Maine have begun halting construction of solar panel arrays as ...



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